

REMARKS

Claims 83-110 are pending. Claims 88-108 are withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Election

Applicants elect to pursue the invention recited in claims 83-87. For the purposes of the initial round of prosecution, Applicants select the sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 for initial prosecution purposes. Upon allowance of this sequence, Applicants request that the remaining sequences be searched and examined.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 511582003420. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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